

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1446

By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative David Davis upon his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative David Davis's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 104th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Davis has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Washington and Hawkins Counties, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, the good people of House District 6 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of David Davis by electing him as their representative to the House of Representatives; he has been a house member from the 101st through the 104th General Assemblies, and he has performed admirably in this position; and

WHEREAS, during his four terms and eight years in the House of Representatives, Rep. Davis has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the General Assembly, Representative David Davis has been a strong advocate for strengthening the family, protecting the unborn, and returning this state and nation to the moral principles that our founding fathers intended. He has sponsored legislation to lower taxes and make government more efficient and effective. In 2000 and 2002,

he sponsored legislation to begin the posting of votes of the General Assembly on the legislative website; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Davis is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he has made as a member of the Transportation Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and the Public Safety and Rural Roads Subcommittee and as Chairman of the Commerce, Labor, and Transportation Joint Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, recognized by his peers for his expertise in ethics and government reform, Representative David Davis was appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Establishment of an Ethics Commission and was appointed as Chairman of the House Republican Caucus Task Force on Government Reform, Election Laws, and Ethics; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as a member of the Washington County Republican Party, as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business, and is a former Chairman of the Unicoi County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Rep. Davis has served or is serving as a valuable member of many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Sportsman Legislative Caucus; Northeast Caucus, Tourism Caucus, Farm Bureau; Conservative Round Table, American Association for Respiratory Care, Leadership Counsel of the National Federation of Independent Business, Coalition for Kids, Communities in Schools, Leadership Johnson City, Leadership Kingsport, Johnson City Rotary Club, President's Council of Milligan College, and Johnson City Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a certified Hyperbaric Technologist and a registered Respiratory Therapist, Rep. Davis has served as Chairman of the Medicare Part B, Tennessee Association for Home Care and as a Clinical Adjunct Faculty Member of the Respiratory Care Department of East Tennessee State University. He is a board member of both the Crumley House Head Injury Rehab Center and the Science Hill High School-Alternative Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to achievement and accolades, Rep. Davis received the Health Care Hero Award in 2004 and the John W. Hines Award from the Tennessee Association for

Home Care; he was named as Respiratory Care Practitioner of the Year, Home Medical Equipment Supplier of the Year, and appeared in *Who's Who In American Society and Business*; and

WHEREAS, born on November 6, 1959, Rep. Davis holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Milligan College, an A.A.S. in Respiratory Therapy from California College, and certification in Respiratory Therapy from East Tennessee State University. He is founder and President of Shared Health Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, David Davis is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Joyce Engle; they are the proud parents of two children, Matthew and Rachel; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout and active member of Central Baptist Church in Johnson City, which he has served faithfully for many years and for which he now serves as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate health care professional, David Davis has held the hands of grown men and cried with them as they lay dying, a trait that would capture the heart of his beloved wife Joyce, who met her future husband as he cared for her ill mother; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Davis's sense of compassion and strength of character would stand him in good stead years later as he survived a harrowing bicycle ride with Representative Bubba Pleasant on their first American Legislative Exchange Council conference trip; and

WHEREAS, seeking election to the United States Congress, Rep. Davis's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly has greatly disappointed and saddened his fellow lawmakers, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 6; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Rep. David Davis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative David Davis upon his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of House District 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Representative Davis our best wishes for his every success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Davis as a token of our esteem.